[*Translation*]

Telecast of Tribal and Folk Dances of Garhwal.

7004. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURAI: Will the Minister of INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to telecast programmes tribal and Folk Dances of Chamoli, Garhwal in the moring transmission on Doordarhan;

(b) if so, when the said proposal was received and by when it is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether any priority is given by the Government in regard to clearing such proposal received from the backwrd Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes dominated regions; and

(d) if not the reasons for the dealy in clearing the said proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IN THE MINISTRY OF INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The propsal was received in February, 1990. It will be taken up for consideration in its turn keeping in mind Doordarshan's overall programme requirements from time to time.

(c) N o, Sir.

[*English*]

Handling Staff of Vayudoot

7005. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot has no handling staff of its own;

(b) whether this work has been entrusted to private contractors;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to do away with the system of contracting private agents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Where the volume of business does not justify opening of its own office, Vayudoot entrusts the ticketing handling work to agents appointed for the purpose .

(c) and (d). Commercial and operational considerations do not at present permit Vayudoot to open offices at all the stations on its network.

Gold and Silver Deposits

7006. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in Southern region surveyed by the Geological Survey of India for gold ore during the last three years and results achieved;

(b) whether any further studies were conducted in this region;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any exploration has been done since then; and

(e) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During the last three

years, Geological Survey of India (GSI) have carried out survey and exploration for gold in 21 places in different parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

As a result of exploration during this period following gold reserves have been established by G.S.I. in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka:

State/Area	*Reserves in Million tonnes*	*Gradein gms/tonne*
ANDHRA PRADESH:		
(i) Bhadrampalle	0.062	3.05
(ii) Surapalle	0.077	3.97
KARNATAKA:		
(i) Chinchergi	0.091	5.0
(ii) Tuppadhur	0.085	3.96
(iii) Sangli Mines	1.16	4.06
(iv) Kempinkote	0.65	4.099
(v) Ajjanhalli	0.677	2.50

(b) to (e). G.S.I. is conducting preliminary exploration for gold during the field season 1991-92 in Hutti (North), Uti Temple, Tuppadhur, Sanbal, Maski and Ajjanhali areas in Karnataka, Ramigari Penakacherla Schist belt in Andhra Pradesh, Kappil-Mankada and Kadannamanna-Valambur area in Kerala. Results will be known after completion of the investigations.

[*Translation*]

Rural Telephones Exchanges in Bihar

7007. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details where rural telephone exchanges have been set up in Bihar during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) whether these telephone exchanges have started functioning;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the locations for setting up more exchanges during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):(a) The details are given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) How Telephone Exchanges will be set up during 1992-93 at location where the registered paid demand reaches 10 or above subject to technical feasibility and availability of resources.